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Serial No. 09/992,405	Filing Date November 6, 2001	Examiner Not yet assigned	Group Art Unit 3626
Inventor(s) Mikio Onodera			
Title of Invention MANUAL INPUT DEVICE USING A MOTOR AS AN ACTUATOR FOR APPLYING AN EXTERNAL FORCE TO ITS MANUAL CONTROL KNOB			

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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the

Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Pursuant to the undersigned attorney's obligation and duties under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.98(a)(3) and (c), English abstracts for each of the listed references, which are not in English, are included for the express purpose of providing a concise explanation of the references to the Patent and Trademark Office with the opportunity to evaluate the same.

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The references now cited are the following:

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Foreign Documents

Document No.	Date	Country
EP 0 893 750 A1	01/27/99	Europe
DE 197 52 056 A1	05/27/99	Germany
DE 198 56 722 A1	06/15/00	Germany
DE 200 14 425 U1	01/04/01	Germany
WO 99/27435	06/03/99	PCT

Other Art

European Search Report, Corresponding European Application No. EP 01 12 6399, dated February 6, 2003, European Patent Office.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

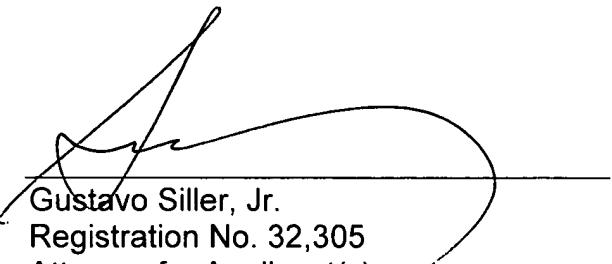
This First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence

is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

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Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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